

The Butter Bear

This story is pretty easy. It's about a bear who wants to make friends. He is called Butter Bear here, but you can give him any name. Usually, I try not to use one of the Beaver's name, unless it is a Beaver's birthday, in which case you could use that child's name as a "treat".

Once there was a bear called Butter Bear. He was a friendly bear, but was always looking for more friends. One day he was out for a walk. He noticed the sun shining. He thought to himself, "You know, the sun always makes people feel better. Usually, when it's shining, they're in good spirits, it's warm and bright. I'll bet if I were more like the sun people would like me better." *(Add one drop of yellow food colouring.)* So he went to show his friends his new look.

They said, "Silly bear!" Bears aren't YELLOW!"

So the Butter Bear went away. He thought to himself, "You know, green is a great colour, like in the summer all the fresh cut grass, and the trees to climb and hide in. Maybe I'll be more like the grass and the trees." *(Add one drop of green food colouring.)* So he went to show his friends his new look.

They said, "Silly bear!" Bears aren't GREEN!"

So the Butter Bear went away. He thought to himself, "You know, red and orange are nice colours — just like the leaves on the trees in autumn. Little children love to rake leaves up and jump in them, and play all sorts of games in them. Maybe I'll be like the leaves." *(Add two drops of red food colouring.)* So he went to show his friends his new look.

And they said, "Silly bear!" Bears aren't RED!"

"So what colour should I be so that people like me better?" asked Butter Bear. His friends replied, "You should just be yourself, because we like you just the way you are."

"Really?" asked Butter Bear. "Well then, that's just what I'll do." And the Butter Bear went back to being himself. *(Add bleach.)*

That's the story. You can add to or take from the story as you like. I wouldn't use blue food colouring though, as it doesn't seem to disappear for some reason. All you need is about a half cup of bleach to clear the colours away — fill a glass Kraft peanut butter jar (there are bear jars out there) with water to just over the eyes. I've always used yellow, green and red because they get darker as you go. It's very difficult to change a red bear to yellow. Also, you may have to add a bit more red food colouring because once you've got the yellow and green in the water, red turns into kind of a brown or orange colour. Don't add too much food colouring though, or the bleach won't get rid of it all. And don't forget a spoon to mix everything up. I hope your Colony enjoys it.